

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (currently amended) A carry-out food container, comprising:

(a) a food compartment tray adapted for holding a food item, and comprising four raised side edges;

(b) a lid for removably covering the food item contained in said tray, and said lid comprising four side edges corresponding to the side edges of said tray, and one of the lid side edges being joined to one of the tray side edges;

(c) an integrally-formed hinge ~~interconnecting said tray and said lid~~ located at a the joined side edge edges of said tray and said lid, and enabling pivoting movement of said lid relative to said tray between an open position and a closed position; and

(d) a flexible sheet attached adjacent the joined side edges of said tray and said lid, ~~said hinge~~ and adapted for residing between said tray and said lid, and said flexible sheet being unattached to said tray along a remaining three of the tray side edges.

2. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 1, wherein said tray and lid are constructed of polystyrene.

3. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 1, wherein said tray defines a plurality of divided food compartments.
4. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 1, wherein said flexible sheet comprises dry wax paper.
5. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 4, wherein said flexible sheet is removably attached along a length of said integrally-formed hinge.
6. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 5, wherein said flexible sheet defines a perforated tear line extending from one side edge thereof to an opposite side edge thereof.
7. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 6, and comprising a starter nick formed at a leading end of said perforated tear line.
8. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 1, wherein said flexible sheet has a length and width dimension greater than a length and width dimension of said food compartment tray.

9. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 1, wherein said lid and tray comprise a complementary locking tab and slot, respectively, adapted for releasably holding said lid in the closed position.

10. (currently amended) A carry-out food container, comprising:

(a) a polystyrene food compartment tray adapted for holding a food item, and comprising four raised side edges;

(b) a polystyrene lid for removably covering the food item contained in said tray, and said lid comprising four side edges corresponding to the side edges of said tray, and one of the lid side edges being joined to one of the tray side edges;

(c) an integrally-formed hinge ~~interconnecting said tray and said lid~~ located at a the joined side edge edges of said tray and said lid, and enabling pivoting movement of said lid relative to said tray between an open position and a closed position; and

(d) a flexible wax paper sheet attached adjacent the joined side edges of said tray and said lid, ~~said hinge~~ and adapted for residing between said tray and said lid, and said flexible sheet being unattached to said tray along a remaining three of the tray side edges.

11. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 10, wherein said tray defines a plurality of divided food compartments.

12. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 10, wherein said flexible sheet is attached along a length of said integrally-formed hinge.

13. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 12, wherein said flexible sheet defines a perforated tear line extending from one side edge thereof to an opposite side edge thereof.

14. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 13, and comprising a starter nick formed at a leading end of said perforated tear line.

15. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 10, wherein said flexible sheet has a length and width dimension greater than a length and width dimension of said food compartment tray.

16. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 10, wherein said lid and tray comprise a complementary locking tab and slot, respectively, adapted for releasably holding said lid in the closed position.

17. (currently amended) A carry-out food container, comprising:

(a) a polystyrene food compartment tray adapted for holding a food item, and defining a plurality of divided food compartments and four raised side edges;

(b) a polystyrene lid for removably covering the food item contained in said tray, and said lid comprising four side edges corresponding to the side edges of said tray, and one of the lid side edges being joined to one of the tray side edges;

(c) an integrally-formed hinge ~~interconnecting said tray and said lid~~ located at a the joined side edge edges of said tray and said lid, and enabling pivoting movement of said lid relative to said tray between an open position and a closed position; and

(d) a flexible wax paper sheet attached adjacent the joined side edges of said tray and said lid, ~~said hinge~~ and adapted for residing between said tray and said lid, and said flexible sheet being unattached to said tray along a remaining three of the tray side edges, and said sheet having a length and width dimension greater than a length and width dimension of said food compartment tray.

18. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 17, wherein said flexible sheet is attached along a length of said integrally-formed hinge.

19. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 18, wherein said flexible sheet defines a perforated tear line extending from one side edge thereof to an opposite side edge thereof.

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20. (original) A carry-out food container according to claim 19, and comprising a starter nick formed at a leading end of said perforated tear line.